Information related to:



Westborough Special Town Meeting Monday, October 16, 2023

Location: Westborough High School (enter via back parking lot)

- No expected breaks. Typically starts at 7pm and ends by 11pm
- The meeting may continue to Tuesday night if not complete on Monday.
- Voters determine if/when there are breaks
- Voters may leave and return according to their own schedule.

Free transportation will be provided by the Senior Center.

Call the Senior Center (508-366-3000) by noon on Friday, October 13 to schedule a ride.

Free babysitting will be provided by National Honor Society students from 6:30-11pm.

What is Town Meeting?

Town Meeting is the Town's legislature and voters are citizen legislators. **Any registered voter in Westborough** may fully participate and vote on all matters that come before the Meeting.

Though attendance for the entire meeting is encouraged, voters may leave/return according to their own schedule. Town Meeting gives voters an opportunity to (in no particular order) vote, listen, ask questions, advocate for a particular vote, make amendments, and more.

What are we voting on this time?

This Meeting's warrant contains 15 articles to vote on. Articles include:

Multi-Generational Community Center

- Article 3: Fund property acquisition of 12 Union Street within Bay State Commons (2/3 majority required)
- Article 4: Fund due diligence, operating costs, community engagement and design of the multigenerational community center (simple majority required)
- Transfer funds from a legal settlement to the Affordable Housing Trust
- Budget adjustments for Fire, Finance, Recreation, and Cable TV accounts
- Use of Opioid Settlement funds
- Zoning of municipal sites on Oak Street and Upton Road related to Public Works/Water Treatment
- Updates to Affordable Housing Trust and Housing Partnership Committee bylaws

How can I learn more about these articles?

- The Advisory Finance Committee's Report and Recommendations to the Town Meeting is available at https://www.westboroughma.gov/home/news/advisory-finance-committees-report-recommendations-october-town-meeting
- The **latest version of the warrant** can be found on the Town website's News section at https://www.westboroughma.gov/
- Videos of meetings/discussions leading up to the Town Meeting can be found on Westborough TV's website including:
 - Advisory Finance Committee meetings: http://71.248.188.158/CablecastPublicSite/gallery/2?site=2
 - Select Board meetings: http://71.248.188.158/CablecastPublicSite/gallery/16?site=2
- Questions about the Town Meeting process can be directed to the Moderator (who runs the meeting - Moderator@westboroughma.gov), the Town Clerk's office (in Town Hall, <u>TownClerk@westboroughma.gov</u>, 508-366-3020), or the Select Board/Town Manager's Office (508-366-3030)

We hope to see you there!

John Arnold, Town Moderator